

Mr. Keene presented a petition from the commissioners and other citizens of the village of Denton, in Caroline county, praying the passage of a law allowing an extension of the powers of said commissioners, as therein mentioned;— which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs: Keene, Crawford and Burchenal.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of Robert Boon, of Anne-Arundel county, praying the passage of a law providing an indemnification for the loss of his slave, a negro man who was committed to the jail of said county, on a charge of felony, and escaped therefrom, by reason of the insufficiency and ruinous state of said jail, at the time of his escape; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Stewart, Kent, Sellman, Wells and Hood.

Mr Brookhart submitted the following order:

Ordered, that a committee of five members be appointed by the Chair, to report a bill, abolishing such parts of the Constitution, as relate to the present mode of electing the Clerks and Registers, and regulating the election of those officers, and the terms of their service.

Which being twice read, the question was taken on the adoption thereof, and resolved in the affirmative.

Messrs. Brookhart, Brawner, Sellman, Wright and Swan, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr Orrell asked for leave to bring in a bill, to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the organization of the legislative body thereof, so as to reduce the number of Delegates to three from each County, one from the city of Annapolis, and two from the city of Baltimore, and also to elect the senate immediately by the people.

And on the question, "will the house grant the said leave?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orrell, it was

Ordered, that a select committee of seven members be appointed by the Speaker to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Orrell, Hughlett, Irving, Gantt, Johnson, Dorsey and McMahon, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr Hope asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled "an act for the distribution of a certain fund, for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several counties therein mentioned," so far as relates to Harford County.